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C O N F I D E N T I A L ISLAMABAD 7004

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS

REF: ISLAMABAD 6543

1. DURING MY MEETING WITH PRIMIN BHUTTO AT HIS LARKANA HOME AUGUST 26, I RAISED SUBJECT OF NARCOTICS CONTROL, RECALLING IT HAD LAST COME UP AT SENATOR PERCY'S INITIATIVE WHEN THREE OF US MET A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO. I SAID I HAD DISCUSSED SUBJECT OF OPIUM PRODUCTION WITH BOTH CHIEF MINISTER AND GOVERNOR OF NWFP DURING VISIT TO PESHAWAR LAST WEEK. BOTH OF THOSE OFFICIALS HAD EXPRESSED AWARENESS OF PROBLEM AND WILLINGNESS TO BEGIN PROGRAM TO CUT BACK ON POPPY PRODUCTION. GOVERNOR KHATTAK HAD EXPRESSED PARTICULAR INTEREST, REMARKING THAT HE WOULD MOVE AHEAD ON QTE ONE WORD UNQTE FROM PRIMIN. I ADDED THAT KHATTAK HAD VOLUNTEERED HIS READINESS TO TRY TO BEGIN CUT BACK EVEN IN THE TRIBAL AREAS WHERE GOP WRIT RUNS THINS.

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2. BHUTTO SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO TAKE SOME CONCRETE

STEP IN THE NARCOTICS PROBLEM BEFORE HIS VISIT TO WASHINGTON NEXT MONTH. HE WAS CURRENTLY PREOCCUPIED WITH THE FLOOD DISASTER BUT WOULD SEE WHAT COULD BE DONE. I SAID I WAS ENCOURAGED BY HIS CONTINUED INTEREST IN OPIUM PROBLEM EVEN AT A TIME OF NATIONAL DISASTER AS A RESULT OF THE FLOODS, AND I DID HOPE HE WOULD FIND A WAY TO MOVE IN ON POPPY PRODUCTION BEFORE HE LEFT FOR THE US. I ALSO EXPRESSED THE GOAL THAT HE WOULD PASS THE WORD TO KHATTAK; NOTING THAT NEXT PLANTING SEASON IS NOT FAR OFF.
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